

October 25, 2002

Secretary Donald L. Evans  
Office of the Secretary  
Room 5854  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
14<sup>th</sup> & Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Evans,

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I respectfully request a decision that upholds New York's right to protect its coastline, environment, and citizens.

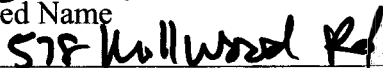
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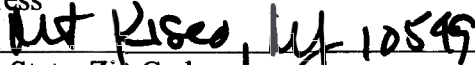
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November 15, 2002

The Honorable Donald Evans  
Secretary  
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Dear Secretary Evans:

As a New York citizen who is concerned about our growing energy needs, I am writing to ask that you take action to support the appeal by the Millennium pipeline that is awaiting your action.

Energy costs in New York today are some of the highest in the nation, and each day there are more concerns that we are headed toward shortages and curtailments unless immediate decisions are made to invest in our energy systems.

It is troubling to me that a small group of affluent people who don't want the inconvenience of a utility near them are willing to jeopardize the energy security of tens of thousands of fellow New Yorkers.

This project has been studied and debated for more than four years. The agency in charge of this process – the FERC – issued a decision that this project should be completed.

Secretary Evans, for the benefit of all New York citizens, for clean air, jobs and energy security – please approve the Millennium appeal.

Sincerely, *Walter O'Dell*

Dec 8, 2002  
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